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May Milk prices

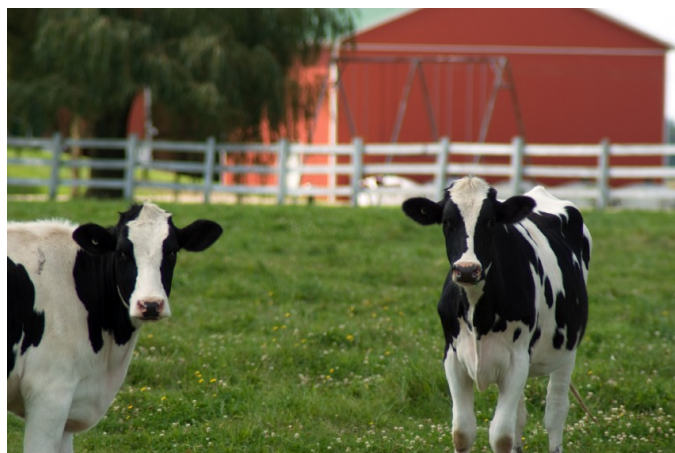
Wisconsin's May milk price is expected to average \$15.00 per hundredweight (cwt.). This price is 50 cents higher than April's price of \$14.50 per cwt. and \$3.40 more than May 2009.

The expected U.S. milk price for May is \$15.00 per cwt. This is up 40 cents from April, and the same as Wisconsin's price. With the exception of Vermont, which is expecting no change in price, all of the major milk producing states are predicting a price increase from April to May. Wisconsin's and Michigan's prices are both expected to rise by 50 cents, while New York will be up 40 cents.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block price closed at \$1.4650 per pound on May 28, while barrels were \$1.4300 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.5575 per pound.

For the week ending May 22, 2010, the National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.3988 per pound and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.4155 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.5837 per pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for May will be released on June 4.



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This Farm Reporter contains the results from the following surveys. Thanks for your help!

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Monthly Dairy Products Report*

Milk Prices 1/

Selected states	April 2009		April 2010		May 2010	
	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	12.40	3.72	14.50	3.62	15.00	3.57
CA	10.54	3.63	13.41	3.64	13.70	3.59
ID	10.80	3.61	13.70	3.63	13.80	3.54
MI	12.40	3.64	15.00	3.57	15.50	3.55
MN	12.50	3.73	14.60	3.65	14.80	3.65
NM	11.20	3.50	14.10	3.47	14.30	3.40
NY	12.70	3.72	15.50	3.67	15.90	3.65
PA	13.40	3.70	16.30	3.65	16.60	3.55
TX	12.30	3.67	15.30	3.64	15.50	3.59
US	11.90	3.66	14.60	3.62	15.00	3.58
WI utilization						
Grade A milk	12.40	3.72	14.50	3.62	XXX	XXX
Grade B milk	12.00	3.85	13.10	3.78	XXX	XXX

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

Prices Received by Farmers

Prices in Wisconsin for corn, soybeans, oats, and potatoes are expected to decrease from April to May. On the other hand, prices for milk, steers and heifers, beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, and calves are expected to increase during the same period.

As of mid-May, the average price Wisconsin farmers received for corn was \$3.35 per bushel, 2 cents below April and 53 cents below May 2009. Nationwide, corn prices averaged \$3.41 per bushel in mid-May, down 55 cents from May of last year.

Wisconsin soybeans decreased 23 cents per bushel from April, for an average of \$9.30 per bushel in mid-May. This is \$1.20 below May of last year. U.S. soybeans sold for \$9.28 per bushel in mid-May, down \$1.42 from the May 2009 price of \$10.70 per bushel.

Oat prices in Wisconsin averaged \$1.95 per bushel in mid-May, down 12 cents from April and 14 cents from May 2009. Nationally, oat prices were \$2.04 per bushel, down 60 cents from the May 2009 price of \$2.64 per bushel.

As of mid-May, alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$120.00 per ton, up \$5.00 from April. The average price for other hay types, at \$90.00 per ton, is also up \$5.00 from April.

Wisconsin steer and heifer prices averaged \$92.20 per hundred-weight (cwt.) in mid-May, \$2.20 above April. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter also increased \$2.20 per cwt. from April, to \$59.00 in mid-May. Calf prices in mid-May were \$145.00 per cwt., up \$1.00 from April.

At the U.S. level, steer and heifer prices in mid-May were \$13.30 per cwt. above May 2009, at \$101.00. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, at an average of \$59.50 per cwt., were up \$10.70 from May of last year. Calf prices, at \$123.00 per cwt., were up \$12.00 from May 2009.

Wheat, barley, and hog monthly prices are not published separately for Wisconsin, but nationally, all wheat sold for \$4.39 per bushel in mid-May, a \$1.45 decrease from May 2009. U.S. winter wheat prices decreased \$1.42 from May of last year, averaging \$4.10 per bushel. Nationwide, barley sold for \$3.93 per bushel, 66 cents below May 2009. Hog prices averaged \$62.30 per cwt., up \$17.70 from May of last year.

Prices Received

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		May 2009	April 2010	May 15, 2010	May 2009	May 15, 2010
		Dollars			Dollars	
Milk cows 1/	Head	-	-	-	-	-
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	80.00	90.00	92.20	87.70	101.00
Cows 2/	Cwt.	48.00	56.80	59.00	48.80	59.50
Calves	Cwt.	132.00	144.00	145.00	111.00	123.00
Milk, all	Cwt.	11.60	14.50	15.00	11.60	15.00
Corn	Bu.	3.88	3.37	3.35	3.96	3.41
Oats	Bu.	2.09	2.07	1.95	2.64	2.04
Soybeans	Bu.	10.50	9.53	9.30	10.70	9.28
Potatoes, all 3/ 4/	Cwt.	9.85	10.30	8.95	9.62	7.95
Fresh	Cwt.	9.55	5.15	-	12.70	-
Processing	Cwt.	9.80	12.50	-	7.82	-
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	95.00	115.00	120.00	137.00	121.00
Other hay, baled	Ton	75.00	85.00	90.00	112.00	99.70
Wheat, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	5.84	4.39
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	5.52	4.10
Barley, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.59	3.93
Dry Edible Beans 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	27.60	30.00
Apples, fresh use 5/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.19	0.32
Hogs, all 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	44.60	62.30

1/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July and October.

2/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 3/Entire month. 4/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 5/Mid-month. Monthly estimates for wheat, barley, dry beans, apples, and hogs are not published for Wisconsin. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Winter Wheat Production Forecast Up Slightly from May

Winter wheat production in Wisconsin, as of June 1, 2010, is forecast at 16.1 million bushels from 230,000 acres to be harvested for grain in 2010. The expected yield reported by farmers on June 1 is 70 bushels per acre, up 3 percent from the May 1 forecast. The 2009 final production totaled 21.4 million bushels on 315,000 acres, with a yield of 68 bushels per acre.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.48 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast but 3 percent below 2009.

Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 46.6 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from last month and 2.4 bushels more than last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 31.8 million acres, unchanged from May 1.



Wisconsin's Maple Syrup Not as Sweet

Wisconsin's 2010 maple syrup production, at 117,000 gallons, decreased 41 percent from 2009's record production of 200,000 gallons. Sugar content of the sap decreased from last year, requiring 38 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of maple syrup. Number of taps decreased from 670,000 in 2009 to 650,000 in 2010, while yields decreased from 0.299 gallons per tap last year to 0.180.

Over 500 maple syrup producers reported production and price information in April and May. These producers received \$36.70 per gallon for their 2009 production, \$2.40 less than a year earlier.

Wisconsin's maple syrup season began on February 1, 2010, and closed on April 16, 2010. This year's season averaged 20 days, 7 days shorter than last year.

Eighty-seven percent of the producers who responded felt that temperatures this season were too warm for sap flow. This was a large change in opinion from the 2009 season, when 92 percent of producers reported weather to be favorable and only four percent felt it was too warm. Twelve percent of this year's producers indicated that temperatures were favorable for sap flow, while one percent reported temperatures were too cold. For favorable sap flow, warm days and cold nights are desired.

Producers in the state reported 48 percent of the maple crop was medium in color, 48 percent was dark, and four percent was light. Last year, 60 percent of the syrup was of medium color, while 18 percent was dark, and 22 percent was light.

Nationally, maple syrup production for 2010 totaled 1.96 million gallons. Production was down 19 percent from last year's 2.40 million gallons. Number of taps set was 9.27 million, an increase of three percent from the 2009 total of 8.98 million. Yield per tap was estimated to be 0.211 gallons, down 21 percent from the previous season. Approximately 46 gallons of sap were required to produce one gallon of syrup, compared with 43 gallons in 2009 and 39 gallons in 2008. Most syrup was medium to dark colored with the exception of Maine.

The U.S. price per gallon for the 2009 production averaged \$37.80, down \$2.90 from the 2008 price of \$40.70.

MAPLE SYRUP

State	Production		Average Price per Gallon		Value of Production	
	2009	2010	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 gallons		Dollars		1,000 dollars	
WI	200	117	39.10	36.70	5,865	7,340
CT	13	9	62.30	61.50	1,184	800
ME	395	310	36.80	32.90	8,832	12,996
MA	46	29	46.50	53.60	3,023	2,466
MI	115	82	41.00	45.00	4,305	5,175
NH	94	87	53.80	50.60	5,111	4,756
NY	439	312	42.40	40.60	13,907	17,823
OH	90	65	37.90	40.30	3,790	3,627
PA	92	54	38.30	38.10	3,830	3,505
VT	920	890	39.50	35.10	28,045	32,292
US	2,404	1,955	40.70	37.80	77,892	90,780

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO



MAPLE SYRUP: Price by Type of Sales, and Size of Container, by States, 2009

Type and state	Gallons	1/2 gal.	Quarts	Pints	1/2 pints
	Dollars				
Retail					
WI	37.30	21.10	11.30	7.30	4.70
CT	57.00	31.70	18.30	11.50	7.55
ME	52.50	28.10	15.10	9.45	7.20
MA	42.50	27.80	16.60	11.40	7.75
MI	42.70	21.80	12.70	7.80	5.60
NH	49.30	28.00	16.40	9.85	6.35
NY	40.10	24.10	14.90	9.40	6.25
OH	37.70	22.10	13.40	8.35	5.55
PA	38.00	21.70	12.70	7.90	4.90
VT	43.90	25.50	15.50	9.20	6.00
Wholesale					
WI	37.30	23.80	11.80	7.20	4.00
CT	46.30	23.60	13.20	8.65	5.55
ME	40.50	25.00	13.00	7.00	4.50
MA	41.90	25.20	14.00	7.45	4.90
MI	35.40	21.00	11.20	6.30	4.20
NH	40.60	21.60	11.40	6.65	3.95
NY	38.30	22.30	12.30	7.00	4.25
OH	35.90	21.20	12.60	7.55	5.25
PA	32.20	17.90	10.20	6.20	4.10
VT	38.50	23.20	13.40	7.80	4.80

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U.S.

Item and area	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American	354,781	362,257	360,126	+2
Cheddar				
WI	52,871	57,577	56,000	+6
CA	32,381	30,538	27,063	-16
ID	47,794	47,763	45,032	-6
MN	45,666	43,482	40,542	-11
US	272,691	281,966	272,711	n.c.
Brick & Muenster	9,362	10,677	10,325	+10
Cream & Neufchatel	63,619	65,037	56,465	-11
Hispanic	17,696	19,690	17,153	-3
Mozzarella				
WI	71,766	74,151	71,700	n.c.
CA	88,906	104,772	102,771	+16
US	270,604	300,297	288,554	+7
Parmesan	19,158	21,625	21,170	+11
Provolone	29,421	29,473	30,678	+4
Ricotta	18,867	22,116	19,227	+2
Romano	4,070	2,935	3,028	-26
Other Italian types	3,927	4,131	3,839	-2
Total Italian				
WI	102,040	106,808	103,937	+2
CA	98,647	116,181	112,897	+14
US	346,047	380,577	366,496	+6
Swiss	28,890	27,328	28,419	-2
All other cheese	27,198	26,067	23,833	-12
Total cheese				
WI	217,818	222,708	215,187	-1
CA	174,011	186,833	180,437	+4
ID	70,465	72,477	70,760	n.c.
NY	61,780	64,628	59,113	-4
US	847,593	891,633	862,817	+2

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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